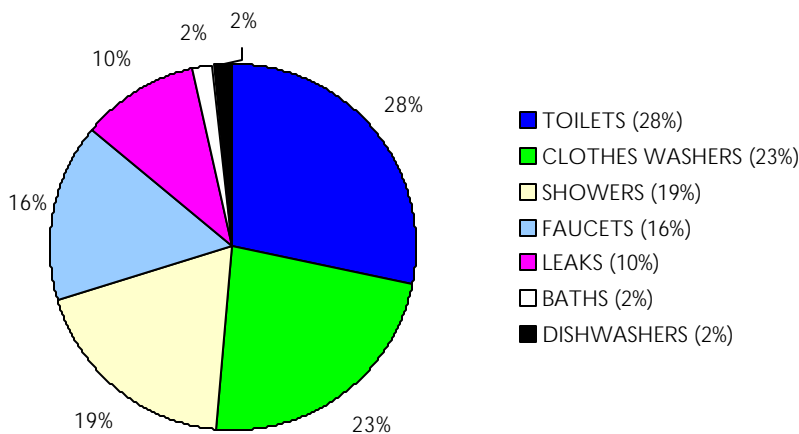


REDUCING WATER USE AT HOME

The average person uses more than 60 gallons of water each day inside the home. Most of the water is used in toilets, washing machines and showers. On average, leaks comprise 10% of water use. Add outdoor activities such as watering your lawn, washing your car and gardening, and you use considerably more water – approximately 180 gallons per day.

INDOOR RESIDENTIAL WATER USE, 1997

SOURCE: EPA



HOW TO CONSERVE WATER AT HOME

Indoors

- Your local water provider may offer residential water audits to help you reduce water use.
- Take showers instead of baths; they use less water.
- Repair leaks. Leaks make up 10% of water usage in the average household.
- Install low-flow showerheads and low-flow toilets. You can also place a plastic container filled with water into your tank to reduce water use in your toilet.

Outdoors

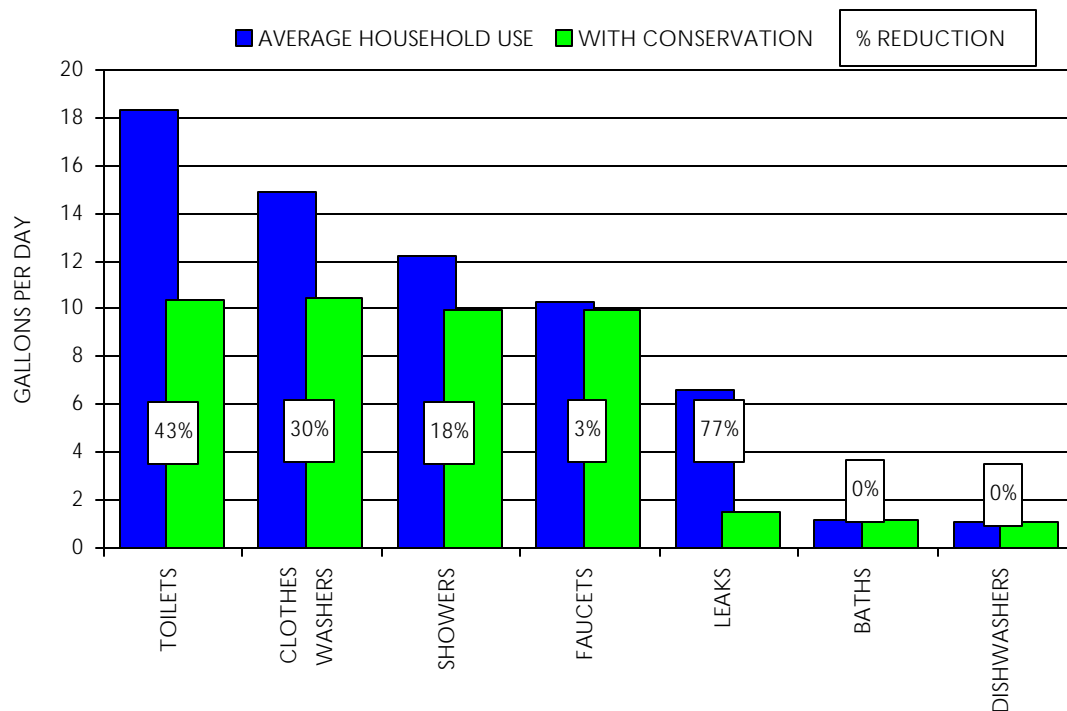
- Visit your local garden shop for native plants and tips on low-water-use landscaping.
- Use mulch to reduce moisture evaporation from the soil surface.
- Water during the coolest part of the day.



HOW MUCH WATER CAN THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SAVE?

Simple water-conservation methods can reduce residential water use significantly. The average household can reduce water wasted through leaks by 77%. You can also reduce your usage by washing full loads of clothes and dishes, taking shorter showers or installing a low-flow showerhead. Reducing water use can also save energy and money.

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MORE INFORMATION

The following web sites and organizations offer more water-saving tips for the home.

| GROUP | PHONE | WEB SITE |
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| ID DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY | (208) 373-0502 | WWW.STATE.ID.US/DEQ |
| IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES | (208) 327-7900 | WWW.IDWR.STATE.ID.US |
| UNITED WATER IDAHO | | WWW.UNITEDWATER.COM |
| ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY | | WWW.EPA.GOV |
| EPA OFFICE OF WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT | | WWW.EPA.GOV.OWM |

